

BLACKOUT

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1942

TIME OF BLACKOUT - 10:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. CAMP TIME

All traffice will be halted and all lights will have to be out during the Blackout.

The above is in compliance with the request of the Michigan Council of Defense in cooperation with the states of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. The total Blackout of specified areas is to take place at that time and it is absolutely essential that the Camps cooperate in this practice. In general this means that all lights that will show out of doors must be extinguished. Red lanterns for the latrines are to be hung inside of them. In the Health Lodge, except in the case of absolute emergency, there is to be only a kerosene lantern lighted. This also applies to all other lights at Owasippe. There will be no campfires showing either in Camp or on hikes (such fires may be misconstrued as signals). There must be no flashlights used during this period, and there must be no travel by car except in case of medical emergencies.

Each campsite is to have one air warden and the Camp is to be divided into at least two sectors with a precinct warden over each section. The Camp Director or his Assistant is to act as the Chief Air Raid Warden. Set up each Camp office as a "control room" with a messenger on hand for each campsite.

At approximately ten minutes to ten the Owasippe Office will remind each Camp of the Blackout. This is commonly called the "yellow alert". Messengers will notify the precinct wardens and campsite wardens who will notify all campers of the impending blackout. Then promptly at 10:00 P.M. each Camp will have its bugler sound attention as a signal for the dousing of all lights. The lights are not to be turned on until a phone call announcing the "all clear" signal is received from the Owasippe Office.

Even though your Camp sounds taps at the start of this Blackout the air wardens should remain on the job until the "all clear" signal is given.

The following is an excerpt from the WHITEHALL FORUM, "Scout planes will hover overhead during the test to observe the effectiveness of the Blackout."

It is our duty as citizens to cooperate fully in the practice Blackout. We must BE PREPARED.

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